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Jones's Matchmaking.

'I say,' said Tobias Jones, bringing down his fist on the dinner table with an emphasis that caused the bottles to Mrs. Tobias' new caster to rattle together ominously, 'I say wife, I have it now.'

'Have what?' asked Mrs. Tobias.

'Why, an idea, a splendid idea—that is to say, a plan. You will surely get an invitation to a wedding, Belinda, before the winter is ended, or my name is not Tobias Jones.'

'What? who? where?' asked Mrs. Jones. 'I am thankful something is going to happen; I've stayed at home until I am tired, and my clothes are getting out of fashion.'

'If wearing good clothes keeps them in fashion, you might wear them here at home,' suggested her husband.

'That's just the way with you men,' said Mrs Jones; 'you expect us to wear our best clothes at all times and in all places, and yet always have them look new and fashionable. But who is going to be married?'

'Well, you see, it ain't a settled fact, but it might as well be, for if 'Squire Chase and Widow Hooker should happen to meet, its my opinion they would make a match of it; and,' he added, as he noticed his wife's lengthened face, 'I think you had better send for them both to come here to tea to-morrow night. We have no children, you know, and you ought to have things in apple-pie order all the time.'

'Children?' exclaimed Mrs. Tobias. 'You talk as if folks who haven't children don't have anything to do. For my part, I think I work full as hard and have full as much trouble as any of my neighbors who have children. However, I don't care how many you invite to tea; but don't think you'll make a match for 'Squire Chase, for I know you won't.'

'Well,' said Tobias, 'you take Dobbin and drive over and get the widow, and I'll take care that the 'Squire is here all right; and mind you, Belinda, if they are not married before the winter is over I will give you a new dress; and, if they are, you shall buy me a pound of tobacco.'

'Agreed,' said Mrs. Jones, 'provided you bring about the match.'

Just at sunset 'Squire Chase was reaping in the field near the road, when happening to look up he saw his friend Jones leaning over the fence.

'Good evening, Jones.'

'Good evening, 'Squire. I just called over to say that my wife is going to have company to tea to-morrow night, and she wants you to come over and make one of us.'

'Much obliged, neighbor, but I don't know about it. I've got to reap all this field to-morrow. If I get done in season perhaps I'll come, but don't look for me. Who are you going to have—any strangers?'

'Well, yes, Widow Hooker is a stranger to you, I suppose, though my wife has known her for many years, and sets a sight by her. She lives over to the north part of the town. I presume you have heard of her often enough.'

'Yes, I have heard of her, sure,' said the 'Squire. 'I suppose she's the woman who owns the big meadow farm called the Ox-bow, and manages it all by herself.'

'Right,' said Jones, and, thinking to make matters better, he added, 'I know you would like her, 'Squire, for most everybody does.'

'I don't much admire women folks who try to take the places that belong by right to men,' said the 'Squire positively. 'Here, Silas,' he called to his youngest son, who had just returned from the pasture with the cows. 'Did you see the brindled ox to-night?'

'No, father; I hunted and hunted for him, but he is gone, sure.'

'Hang the luck! That's just the way with that brindle; he never jumps unless the feed begins to get short, and then he's off for better quarters. I calculated to turn him into fall feed to-morrow.'

When Mr. Jones arrived home he found that a Mr. Ellis had been to borrow $100 of him for a short time, and as he had some money on hand, and Mr. Ellis was considered good for a thousand or two, he concluded to let him have the money. Harnessing his horse, he started for the house of Mr. Ellis.

Now this house was not far from Mrs. Hooker's, and as Tobias was driving leisurely along about two miles from home, what should he see grazing by the roadside but 'Squire Chase's brindle ox. There was no mistaking the animal, for there was not a better or a handsomer one to be found anywhere for miles around.

'It's a shame to leave that ox to run off,' said Mr. Jones to himself, 'and if I was going right home I'd drive him along; but I'm not, and by the time I'll get back he'll be gone. I have it!' he exclaimed, as a new idea seemed to enter his brain. 'I'll just let down the bars and drive him into Mrs. Hooker's west field. The field has been cleared these ten days, and she will never know but he jumped in, and it may save the 'Squire heaps of trouble.' So he drove the ox along about three-quarters of a mile and turned him into the field; then, after leaving the money at Ellis's, he went home, well pleased with himself and the world generally.

'Squire Chase was not at the tea-party, for he was fully determined not to be the victim of a made match, and he rather suspected that one was in progress in the Jones family.

The next morning Mr. Jones rapped at the 'Squire's back door just as the family were at breakfast.

'I thought I would run over and let you know where your brindled ox is. Mrs. Hooker says there was one got into her farm yesterday, and she presumes it's yours.'

'Much obliged, neighbor Jones. I'll go right over after breakfast, or send Ned.'

But Ned, like most boys of 16, was shy of old maids and strange widows, and steadily refused to go; so the 'Squire went himself.

Widow Hooker was making cheese. It was late for cheese-making, but she always made one or two fall cheeses. The door was wide open, but she did not see 'Squire Chase come to the flower-bordered walk; the first she knew of his presence was the exclamation:

'Why, Polly Wiggin! This is the greatest surprise I ever had!' and there was a great hand-shaking. 'So, so, Polly, you are the famous Widow Hooker, are you? How do you like farming?'

'Very well, Jerry, and if you can stop long enough I'll show you how I manage.'

Of course the 'Squire could stop, and did stop, and was delighted with everything.

'I never thought a woman could manage so well,' he said, 'that is, in the house and out doors, too. I always thought that when women undertook to wear the—that is when—'

'Oh, I understand,' said Polly; 'you thought my house would suffer from neglect if my farm was properly cared for.'

'I see, I see, Polly. I thought my little girl had kept house pretty well since her mother died, but of course, it's nothing like yours. When girls at 20 can't manage at all, it is not to be supposed that girls of 14 can be very good at it. Suppose we let by-gones be by-gones, Polly. I have said I never would marry again, but if you will have me I will break my word for once, for when I said it I didn't expect to meet you, and I believe we have both grown wiser since our quarrel nineteen years ago.'

'Do you think the children would like me, Jerry? You had better bring them over first, and then I will give you my answer.'

'I don't believe Ned will come; he is rather bashful. But I will bring over the other two, Mary Ann and Silas, to-morrow afternoon. Good day, Polly;' and the 'Squire drove home with never so much as a thought of the brindled ox.

Meanwhile Ned had fretted and fumed because he had no work to do, and finally he and Silas had gone fishing.

'I do wish father would get married,' said Silas, who, at the age of ten, had very advanced views of life. 'I think Mary Ann makes horrid biscuits, and I am tired of eating hominy and milk for dinner. If father did get married, and we didn't like our step-mother, we are all big enough to run away.'

'Yes,' said matter-of-fact Ned. 'But, if you keep talking, you will scare all the fish away, and we shall have to eat fat pork for breakfast.'

'Squire Chase could not give a very good reason why he did not bring home the brindle ox. He told Mary Ann that he did not see the ox, then told Ned that he forgot all about him, and finally told Silas that he thought he could not drive him alone, and would wait until the next day, and take him and Mary Ann over to help him.

The next day Mrs. Hooker had as happy a party at tea as her house ever held. Mary Ann quite fell in love with everything, including the widow herself, and Silas said he never ate such cookies; then Mrs. Hooker read some letters from her son, who was at college, and 'Squire Chase said he never before thought big boys ought to go to school in haying and harvesting, but he believed he should send Ned next year, if Ned wanted to go.

'Will you come over, Polly?' asked the 'Squire, as he was getting into the wagon to drive home.

'I will come,' was the answer.

A month later there was a grand wedding at Ox-bow farm-house, and Mrs. Jones appeared in a handsome new dress, which she had won from Tobias, because she could not see why he had anything to do with the making of a match that came about because of the finding of 'Squire Chase's brindled ox in Widow Hooker's west field.

Natural Wonders in Texas.

A Curious Lake—Wells that Emit Gas and Contain Sour Water.

[Correspondence Galveston News.]

I have in my time been in many of the most remarkable places in the world, and now I have turned up, as I think, in that which is the most remarkable of all. Sour Lake is a circular pool of an acre or two in extent, situated in a depression on the most elevated tract of land in a wide scope of country. It rises above the contiguous territory as an island in the sea rises above the waters. Now conceive a depression in the center of our island, filled with a bubbling, boiling pond, as round as a well, surrounded by a dense forest, and we have Sour Lake and its topography.

On the edge of the lake or pool are situated most of the wells, five or six feet in depth, with plank curbing. Some of these are in a vigorous state of ebullition, while others have very little ebullition. This ebullition is nothing but currents of gas escaping from the bowels of the earth. This is made apparent by a common experiment here. Take a common fruit can open at one end and a small hole in the other. Immerse half of it in the water where the ebullition is going on, and touch a lighted match to the hole. Instantly a brilliant flame pops up, which will burn unless blown out by the wind as long as you choose to hold the can in its position. There are jets of gas issuing out of the ground all about the pool, so that with your fruit cans and milk cans you may have flames without end. You may even set fire to the pools, or apparently do so, by applying a match to the surface where it is bubbling or boiling, but these flames speedily go out.

Some of these wells throw up a yellowish and blackish oil, which collects on the surface and may be skimmed like cream. This smells very strongly of tar or naphtha, but at a little distance is pleasant to the nostrils. The water on which this substance collects tastes precisely like the substance smells. He who drinks it gets his whole body considerably infected with the smell. This substance is gathered here, and the people readily buy it at a dollar a quart. They say it cures sores, cuts and burns. It is inflammable and burns with a great smoke. It is, I suppose, liquid carbon.

Others of the wells are as sour as crab apples, and these invariably send up a strong odor of sulphur. They bubble and boil considerably, and have a whitish appearance, as if pulverized chalk had been stirred up in them. This is white sulphur. They have a slight taste of the fluid carbon. These are said to act powerfully upon the liver, and several have told me no case of dyspepsia could long withstand them. Then there is another well that is strongly impregnated with iron. Its waters are distinctly marked from the others in appearance, being exceedingly soft and liquid.

Then there is another well or pool, which, if what is said of it be true, is, if not the most remarkable, yet certainly destined to be the most renowned of all. They call it 'Youth and Beauty.' It deposits a peculiar sort of sediment on its bottom, which, as they say, has the remarkable property of beautifying the skin and removing freckles. I am told that tis deposit is so much in demand that it is not always easy to keep a supply of it during the watering season.

The site here is really a glorious one for a watering place; a great prairie to the south, filled with fragrance and wild flowers, and a great forest in every other direction, penetrated with labyrinthine walks; oaks, magnolias, myrtles, hollies, beeches, and maples and gums, and vines without end. How easy it would be to light all this extensive ground into a blaze of glory at night by utilizing the gas that flows in torrents out of the earth.

North Carolina Inventors of Electric Light.

Dr. W. R. Wood, of Scotland Neck, writes to the Raleigh *Observer* that Mr. P. E. Smith and Sheppard R. Spruil, of Scotland Neck, obtained from the United States and Great Britian in 1876 a patent on the electric light buoy, in which the same material and the same principle were employed as go to make up the Edison lamp. Dr. Wood writes: 'I am fully aware that in its present state the invention may be defective in some of its minor parts, but the principles upon which its construction and practical utility are founded are sound and scientifically correct. A hermetrically sealed glass globe, inclosing gas carbon points, with wires attached, passing through a water-tight tube, vertically fixed in a properly constructed buoy, are the salient points of our invention.'

In another part of his letter he says: 'By referring to the patent and papers I send, you will readily perceive the principle on which the electric light buoy is designed—in fact, the light is similar in design, though not so perfect in detail, as Edison's electric lamp. Want of funds so far has prevented us from subjecting it to such practical and scientific tests and experiments as we could wish. But I have an abiding faith in its destiny and eventful success, and confidently predict that in the near future it will prove to be an invention of inestimable value and protection to mankind in general, and commerce in particular, by guarding thousands of lives and millions of property from shipwreck and disaster, and by successfully lighting the navies of the world safely through the intricacies of the harbors, rivers and inlets of the globe in fogs and darkness.'

North Carolina Mines.

Reidsville Times.

"If I may be permitted to say it, you people are wonderfully blind in not taking hold and working up your interests in this State. Strangers will soon have it from you. It is astonishing that you get up no sensation over your gold mines. Your State might be made an El Dorado."

The speaker was Mr. Oeobloff of New York. He was then on his way via Salisbury for a trip up the Western North Carolina Railroad. Bound to see that country.

"Why, sir," he continued, "there is the Collins mine in Cabarrus county, now I know some of the members of that company, and their financial and moral standing is of the best in New York—they are all millionaires and in high and responsible position—and if such men are interested in your mining affairs, it must mean business, and where, where are the eyes of your own people? Of this company that I know, there's Nepoleon W. Haine, President of the Dime Savings Bank of New York, it carries a capital of thirty millions; then Mr. J. W. Best, who is Bank Examiner from the State of New York; also Mr. Butler who is county clerk for the county of New York; and the Birdsall Brothers, wealthy English gentleman, and one of them Vice-President of the New York Trust Company. These gentlemen paid a man twenty-five hundred dollars to come out here and inspect that mine before they took stock, and so prompt was Mr. Best to be on time with the others that though he had just broken his leg he suffered himself to be carried on a stretcher from the town of Concord out to Capt. Orchard's, and it isn't money he's after, for he has enough of that, but enterprise. Why your State has as much in her to make her great and wealthy as the State of Pennsylvania."

"Yes, that's so."

"Yes, you have one man in your State I believe who pays some attention to mining—Gen. Hoke?"

"Yes. The General is in iron. I wonder if it pays him."

(Smiling.) "I believe, sir, if Gen. Hoke lives twenty years longer he will be the richest man in the South. He has a proposition to furnish iron for an elevated railway in New York, and if he does it, that of itself will pay him handsomely."

"Glad to hear it. Gen. Hoke is one man who hasn't asked for office since the war but has lived by his own work."

The Arctic Expedition.

Howgate's plan proposes to establish a station within the Arctic circle in as high a latitude as it is possible for the explorers to reach, and to provide it with all the modern appliances for overcoming the physical obstacles in the pathway to the pole. The point selected for the station is on the shore of Lady Franklin Bay. It is further proposed that this station shall be occupied for a period of three years by the officers and men of the expedition, numbering in all fifty persons, including the scientific corps. But the exploring party is to be reinforced by Esquimaux dogs, to draw the sledges. As soon as the station is constructed and the supplies landed, the vessel is to return home and await further instructions. Each subsequent year a ship is to be sent out to communicate with the expeditionary corps and to bring to it fresh supplies, or to succor if in peril. During the intermediate periods the exploring parties will endeavor to reach the pole, while the scientific corps will be engaged in studying and recording the phenomena of the polar regions. The bill reported from the committee on naval affairs authorizes the President to detail such officers or other persons of the public services not exceeding fifty in number, as may be willing to join the expedition; to use any public vessel to transport the members of the expediton to the station, and also the necessary supplies, and to accept, in addition, and to fit out for the purposes of the expedition, the steamship Gulnare, which is to be returned to its owner when the object of the expedition shall be accomplished; but that the United States shall not be bound for the loss, damage or deterioration of the vessel while engaged in this service. Appended to the report are the strong recommendations of the late Prof. Henry, and of Prof. Loomis, of Yale College, both of whom advocated the sending out of an expedition several years ago on the plan then set forth by Capt. Howgate, and now favored, with some modifications by the committee on naval affairs.

Italian Ladies in Wine Vats.

A resident in Italy vouches for the following: In the vineyards near us the girls mount ladders and clip the rich bunches, dropping them into baskets. With industrious workers one day is enough to clear an average vineyard. When the grapes are all gathered in, they are carefully picked from the stems for the pressing. This last process is the same primitive, simple operation that was performed by the patriarch Noah. The grapes are thrown into an enormous vat, where the juice is trampled out of them by the bare feet. At this stage of the vintage you may see hundreds of the young ladies of the city of Perugia coming forth in groups in the early morning, beaming with pleasant mystery and excitement. Your ordinary tourist, whose only intellectual and instructive pabulum is gathered from the guide books, has not the remotest conception of their object. He may think they are out for an early constitutional. But constitutionals are not the rage with Italian ladies. Shall I tell you the secret of all that mystery and excitement? They were off to the country to tread in the wine presses. It is a novel holliday for them, besides being a most salutary exercise. Even prim old dowagers are known to "wade in" and banish the rheumatism by a half day's exercise in the wine press. Apart from the healthful exercise of trampling, the new must acts as a bath to the limbs, while the uprising fumes are considered eminently stomachic. After the treading performance these ladies wash themselves in hot wine, taking a moderate decoction internally for the stomach's sake. The effect is pleasant and rejuvenating, and is especially noticable in the vim with which they participate in the dance, which is the usual sequel to treading in the wine press.

The Mexican War Pension.

Some weeks ago our associated press telegrams announced the fact that the committee on pensions, of the House of Representatives, had agreed unanimously to report back to the House a bill recommending the payment of a pension to all surviving Mexican soldiers. The report was accordingly made, and the bill has had two readings and was to have come before the House on last Monday. The bill restores to the pension rolls, with all arrears of pay due, the pensioners of the Mexican war who were stricken from the rolls for alleged disloyalty, and pensions all survivors at the rate of eight dollars per month from the date of its passage.

It is stated that there are but 6,000 survivors of the Mexican war who are entitled to pensions under the bill out of an aggregate force of 75,000. The official records show that the army fought 10 general battles and engagements in the course of two years without the loss of a single stand of colors, and that they entered the City of Mexico, with 6,500 men, and dictated a peace within a walled city, the capital of a foreign nation, of 150,000 inhabitants. The population of Mexico at that time was 8,000,000. The United States acquired by our arms 1,000,000 square miles of territory, in which are now embraced California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and part of Nebraska. The bureau of statistics reports that from the territory thus acquired $1,100,000,000 in gold and silver have been taken in the past thirty-two years. These soldiers ask only eight dollars a month. No such results as they secured have ever been achieved by so small an army for the country that it served. They more than double the territory of the United States.—*Charlotte Observer.*

GENERAL NEWS.

—The fruit trees are blooming on the sea coast of South Carolina.

—London had a phenomenal fog a few days before Christmas. For nearly an hour it was literally impossible for a pedestrian to see two yards ahead unless he had a lantern.

—A poor New York boy being carelessly run over by a horse car, and mentally and physically incapacitated for earning his living, his parents sued the company and a jury gave them a verdict of $15,000.

—Although it has been nearly nineteen centuries since Christ redeemed the world, it is estimated that only a little more that 100,000,000 are converted to God, and that more than 1,000,000,000 are still in the broad road to death.

—A consignment of 36 baskets of strawberries, from McKinsman of Charleston, to New York, in the 15th of January, indicates the singularly mild character of the winter in the south. These berries were picked in the suburbs of Charleston—a thing probably unparalleled in January.

—The past year may have been a bad year for many persons, but it was not for the big brokers of New York. Vanderbilt cleared $30,000,000, Gould $15,000,000 and Jim Keene $8,000,000. This accounts for much of the money that "greenies" sent to New York to speculate in stocks with.

—The recent discussion among the European powers upon the subject of disarmament has resulted rather strangely. Two of the powers, Russia and France have increased their military strength, and now Germany has determined to augment the strength of her armies. It is a curious fact that when monarchists wish to preserve the peace of Europe they strengthen their armies.

—Farmers, as a class, certainly ought to be encouraged by the fact that according to an estimate made by the statistician of the agricultural department, the staple crops of the past year are worth about $416,000,000 more than those of the previous year. This estimate was not made upon the quoted market prices, but upon the actual value to producers.

—The work on the sewerage system of Memphis is under the charge of Col. Ged. E. Waring, an eminent sanitarian and engineer. The work of excavating the main sewer was begun some days ago with public ceremonies, and some 500 men are now busily engaged at this work. Gangs of men are employed at the same time in every ward of the city, digging the trenches of branch sewers. The total length of the sewers is estimated at fifty miles, and all of the work on them will be completed, it is thought, by the middle of May.

—Mrs. J. J. Astor has sent out recently from the office of the Children's Aid Society a 'New Year party of 100 homeless children to homes in the West and South, at an expense of $1,500. This makes during seven years a total number of 677 homeless children whom this generous friend of the poor has placed in homes, mainly in the West, at an expense of $9,750. Many of these lads have now grown up, having farms of their own and doing well to the world.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 3.—A fearful storm of snow and wind has been raging here since 1 o'clock this morning, and the gale has been increasing in violence ever since daylight. The wind is from E. N. E. A portion of the roof and nearly 100 feet of the piazza of the United States Hotel has been blown off. The brig Castalia from Galveston, with 1,558 bales of cotton, came ashore abreast of high lands at 2 o'clock this morning. The crew of ten men and one lady passenger were landed by the life saving crew from station No. 3. The ship and cargo are insured. The ship lies high up on the beach and may be saved.

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MEETING OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic party held in Raleigh last Monday, it was resolved to call a meeting of the State Executive Committee at Raleigh on Wednesday, the 3d of March, at which meeting it will be decided as to what will be done about calling the State Convention.

GRANT.—Judging from the newspapers, Grant stock is in the ascendant again. Pennsylvania Republicans at their State Convention recently, endorsed Grant by instructing delegates to the National Convention to go for him, by a vote of 733 to 113. And it is said New York Republicans will do the same thing.

Grant is better than Blaine, the bloody shirt waiver, or Sherman, the house-burner, either.

—Sitting Bull and his band have been driven South by hunger, being on the verge of starvation, as there is no longer any game across the line. He promises to behave himself and be friendly with the whites, if let alone and permitted to enjoy the hunting grounds. If molested, however, he and his band will defend themselves and fight to the bitter end.

—The Republican prophecy of a diminution of the revenue by a reduction of the tobacco tax has proven to be false, as is shown below:

The revenue from tobacco for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, was $40,135,002.35; for the year 1878, $40,091,900; showing an increase of $44,000 under the sixteen cent rate.

THE UTE TROUBLES.—Henry C. Otley, of Colorado, Register of the Land Office of San Juan District, testified before the House Committee on Indian Affairs on the 7th relative to the recent Ute troubles. His evidence was corroborative of the statement of others, and indicated that the relations between the whites and Indians were anything but conducive to harmony and mutual confidence.

SPECIAL AGENTS FOR THE NEXT CENSUS.—Among the list of the Special Agents of the Census Office Department of the Interior, appointed to investigate, in their economic relations, the most important industries of the United States, and the statistics of the telegraph, railroad, express, transportation and insurance companies, also to collect the social statistics of the country, we find no Southern man.

The Charlotte *Democrat* alluding to this matter, remarks:

"It is a shame and an injustice that no Southern man is on the above list of Agents, especially on the production of cotton and other Southern products. Congress should not confirm such one-sided appointments. It should be demanded that Southern men have a chance to report on Southern crops."

—The rise in the price of paper and printing material, amounting to near fifty per cent., has created quite a flurry in the newspaper world. Some papers have advanced their prices to meet the emergency. We hope that Congress will remove the tax on printing material, and thus help the press to maintain their present rates established when things were at bottom prices. Publishers now have to pay postage on all the papers they send beyond the limits of their respective counties. This also is a great tax, which ought to be removed.—*Raleigh Observer.*

—Ex-Secretary Borie, of the navy, is dead, in his 71st year.

—Edward J. Hale writes to *Hale's Weekly* concerning a new publication of E. J. Hale & Son, as follows:

"The rapid receipt of advance orders for 'The Master of Red Leaf' induces me to hope that it will be our most successful book, (always excepting 'Stephen's History of the United States.') Among these orders is one received this week from a distant city for five hundred copies. This justified the printing of a second edition, even before the first was fully off the press. The author is Mrs. E. A. Meriwether, of Memphis, Tenn., the wife of a distinguished lawyer of that city."

Thanks to Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son for a copy of "The Master of Red Leaf," which we have perused with much interest.

The scenes are laid in New England, and the South, before and during the late war.

Western N. C. Railroad.

The Western North Carolina Railroad Directors and the Board of Internal Improvement meet here today, to consider Mr. Best's new proposition to buy and complete the Road. Acceptance of his first proposition, or rather an extra session of the Legislature to consider it, was advised by our delegation in Congress with whom Mr. Best had consulted. But Gov. Jarvis and the Directors were not of opinion that the exact opportunity and the man had met, and pursued a policy which has induced a second and much more advantageous proposal from Mr. Best's Syndicate. This we presume is approved by our delegation at Washington, and to-day it will be submitted by the Governor to the Directory. If approved, it will be laid before the Board of Internal Improvement. If it receive their endorsement, the Council of State will be convened, and with their advice and consent the General Assembly can be called together in extraordinary session.

We may very safely state, we think, that the Legislature will meet here on Wednesday, March 10th.—*Hale's Weekly*, Raleigh, N. C.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, February 3.—The House committee on Public Buildings and Grounds agreed to-day to report favorably to the House a bill providing for the transfer from the War to the Treasury Dedartment of the United States the military barracks at Savannah, Ga., to be used as a postoffice, and appropriating $5,000 for the necessary alterations and repairs. The committee also agreed to report favorably a bill appropriating $50,000 for a public building at Greensboro, N. C., one-half to be expended the first year.

The Senate committee on census has decided to report an amendment to the census act carrying out the provisions of the bill introduced in the House by Mr. Herbert and in the Senate by Mr. Harris. The object of the amendment is to provide against fraud or errors in the returns of the enumerators. As the law stands, there is nothing but the integrity and correctness of the enumerator to guarantee a faithful return for his precinct. It is therefore thought advisable that the enumerator file in the office of the county clerk a copy of his report before he sends it to the supervisor, thus enabling any one to point out mistakes and have them corrected.

The House Banking and Currency Committee reported in favor of allowing National Banks to invest one-quarter of their surplus funds in real estate.

GOVERNMENT TAX SALES.

The House committee on the judiciary has before it the draft of a bill submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, authorizing him to sell, within two years after the United States has acquired a valid tittle thereto, all lands acquired in collection of debts due for taxes except those acquired in payment of debts due for direct taxes; and also to dispose of all real estate acquired by gift or devise and not needed for the public use. The Secretary has been moved to ask the passage of this bill by reason of a very large amount of real estate belonging to the United States, acquired by a debt or through gift, and located in every State of the Union. The United States is now the possessor of real estate amounting to some 34,000 acres acquired on account of non-payment of internal revenue dues. Large quantities of this land are located in the rural districts of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and other Southern States.

The House passed the jury service bill, which provides that no person shall serve as a juror in any United States Court more than three weeks in any one year.

In the House, was introduced a bill appropriating $100,000 for the relief of sufferers in Ireland; also levying a duty of 30 per cent *ad valorem* on all bonnets, hats or hoods imported into the United States.

The House select committee on the state of the law respecting the ascertainment and declaration of the result of the Election of President and Vice-President have accepted the report of the sub-committee in favor of Representative Bicknell's joint resolution "proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for the election of President and Vice-President of the people." The committee have stricken out that portion of the resolution providing "that a contest in any State shall be passed upon by its highest judicial tribunal," and with this one change have instructed Representative Bicknell to report the resolution favorably to the House.

Mr. Thurman, from the Judiciary Committee, reported adversely upon the joint resolution authorizing the President to veto parts of the appropriation bill.

In Senate the Census committee has reported back a number of supervisors nominations, adversely.

—SOUTHERN PLANTER AND FARMER for February contains many valuable and practical articles on agricultural subjects. A number of farmers give in this No. their method of seeding clover, orchard and other grasses. It ought to be in the hands of every farmer who wishes to read the best thoughts of practical farmers on improved methods of the cultivation of the soil, as every branch of agriculture is practically discussed in this Southern Farmer's Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at $2 a year.

Reduction of the National Debt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—It has been the ambition of Secretary Sherman ever since he became the head of the treasury department, to reduce the public debt below $2,000,000,000 during his term of incumbency. To-day, in his debt statement, he comes within $784,000 of it, and this amount he expects to wipe out in his next monthly statement. The reduction of over $11,000,000 shown to-day is the largest monthly reduction since 1872. The revenues of the government have of late been constantly increasing, especially from customs. The internal revenue receipts for the last six months of last year were $3000,000 in excess of the receipts for the corresponding period of the previous year, and the customs receipts in the same time were $16,000,000 more than for the corresponding period of the previous year.

U. S. Supreme Court.

The case of Harvey Terry vs. the Messrs. Little—Judgment for the Defendants.

[By Telegram to the Morning Star.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The following case was decided in the U. S. Supreme Court to-day:

Harvey Terry vs. B. F. and J. P. Little, from the U. S. Circuit Court, District of North Carolina. Suit to enforce the liability of stockholders for debts of an insolvent bank. The Court holds that the suit shall be brought in equity by or for all the creditors, and that the suit cannot be maintained at law by one creditor against two stockholders who are not jointly liable. Judgment of the Circuit Court affirmed with cost.

—The Pension business is so immense that new plans will be resorted to and new expenses incurred. The Senate Pension Committee will propose, as we learn from the Washington special in the Richmond *Dispatch*, that the whole country shall be divided into sixty districts, to each of which shall be appointed a surgeon and a clerk skilled in the pension laws. These are to visit the districts and examine the cases of all persons on the pension list, with a view of ascertaining if they are what they represent themselves to be. Mr. Bentley, the head of the Pension Bureau, estimates that $5,000,000 is annually paid out to fraudulent pensioners, and those familiar with the subject do not think his estimate is extravagant.—*Wilmington Star.*

—One thousand and forty-one postmasters have been commissioned during the past month, which is the greatest number ever commissioned during a like period. The increase of a number of commissions is said to be due to a large number of new postoffices recently established. The opening of the bids for the star mail service in the States of Ohio, Indiana and the Southern States east of the Mississippi river, has just been finished by the Postoffice Department. The number of bids aggregates about 60,000, which exceeds the largest number at any previous letting. The greatest number of bids received for one State was 9,600—for North Carolina. The number received for Tennessee was 9,100, being the second highest number.—*Messenger.*

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 8.—On Friday night three burglars entered the Bank here, seized and bound the President, E. E. Rankle, who sleeps in the building, and after gagging, beating and burning his feet in a shocking manner to compel him to give up the combination, departed, taking $3,200 which had not been locked up. There was a time lock on the safe, and Mr. Rankle was unable to give the combination. The greatest excitement prevails. There is no clue to the robbers.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 7.—The Supreme Court of Georgia to-day refused to grant a new trial to Cox, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life for the murder of Col. Alston. The case will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States.

—The President has approved the order dismissing Major Reno from the United States army.

STATE NEWS.

—Alexander county is out of debt, has money in the treasury, and her county paper is worth dollar for dollar.

—The *Watchman* says, Rowan County is also entirely out of debt, with funds enough in hand to meet all current expenses.

—The recent snow fall reached a depth of 8 or 9 inches in some parts of the State, and in some of the western counties, fifteen inches is reported.

—The Governor has come to no decision in regard to the proposition to purchase the W. N. C. R. R. It is probable that the Board of Dicectors will be called to meet in Raleigh next week to discuss and dispose of the matter some way.

—*Central Protestant:* The sum of five hundred dollars has been donated by a friend in Pennsylvania to aid in the erection of a suitable building for educational purposes at Yadkin college, on the condition that the additional sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be raised.

—Mr. Best, the representative of the New York capitalists proposing to buy the Western North Carolina Railroad, went up the road last week on a tour of inspection. The Statesville *Landmark* says he examined the mountain work carefully, and expressed himself as much pleased with the property.

—Raleigh *Observer:* A few days ago a countryman strode into the treasury department, with a grip-sack stuffed with papers. He was met by the chief clerk, who politely asked his business. He stated, in reply, that he had been told that the treasury people were taking in all the old bonds they could get, and as he had some he thought he would realize on them. The contents of the grip sack were found to be $60,000 in Confederate bonds. It is needless to say that the stranger didn't realize.

—Raleigh *Observer:* Mr. Bailey Willis, of Washington, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Willis, with a corps of mineralogists, has been appointed by the Census Bureau to investigate the iron ores of the United States and obtain specimens of the same for analysis, which will be published in the forthcoming census report. In a few days he will start on a tour of investigation through North Carolina and East Tennessee. We hope every facility will be offered him to obtain fact and specimens of our irons, many of which are unsurpassed in quality.

SWEPSON, TURNER AND HOLDEN.—A singular combination, people will say. Yet those three names were conjoined in a legal proceeding yesterday. It will be remembered that Josiah Turner recovered not long since a judgement against Gov. Holden. Also that Mr. Geo. W. Swepson likewise obtained judgement against Mr. Turner for a large balance due him for aid extended to Mr. Turner to buy the Sentinel. Mr. Swepson hearing of Mr. Turner getting judgement against Gov. Holden took legal steps to have said judgement applied to the payment of the judgement he held against Mr. Turner. After much controversy this was accomplished on yesterday and quiet again reigned.—*Raleigh News.*

—The Raleigh *Observer* states that letters are received by the commissioner of agriculture from abroad nearly every day, making inquiries as to lands, immigration, &c. Last week letters came from Italy, New South Wales, Switzerland and Scotland. An Italian wrote that he desired to secure a tract of land in the pine country, to which he could bring a large colony of Italians, skilled in the culture of grapes, and also growers of silk. Letters are received from all parts of the State daily, from parties wishing to register lands. During the past few days about 2,000 acres have been registered. The new plan takes well, and the results are gratifying.

GENERAL NEWS.

—The court-house of Dallas county, Texas, has been destroyed by fire, with many valuable papers.

—It is understood the President will approve the sentence of the court martail dismissing Major Reno from the army.

—The Pennsylvania Republican Convention instructed the State delegation to vote for Grant's nomination at Chicago.

—The militia force of the United States consists of 8869 commissioned officers and 117,037 men, organized, and the unorganized force is 6,516,750.

—During the year 1879 there were eight hundred and four disasters to shipping on the great lakes and the loss of one hundred and fifty lives.

—William W. Astor, who has a rent-roll of twenty thousand houses in New York city, and an income of $800,000 a year, is the smallest man in the New York Senate. He shows a studious devotion to business.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 6.—A special says that a colored family of nine persons named Lorick, living fourteen miles above Columbia, were burned to death on Tuesday night by a cabin taking fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 5.—A Chinese wash-house on Pine street, near Taylor, was destroyed by fire this morning. The number of its occupants is not known, but the bodies of ten Chinamen have been recovered from the ruins.

—The various factories in Atlanta give employment to 1,500 girls.

Efforts are to be made to turn the tide of colored emigrants from Kansas to some other State; the relief associations there find it impossible to maintain the hundreds who have lately arrived.

Indiana also cries hold, enough.

—The richest silver mine in the world is believed to be the Robert E. Lee mine near Leadville. The sum of $130,000 was recently taken from it in seventeen hours by a working force of forty men. Less than a year ago the mine had only a prospective value.

—Work on the tunnel under North River from Jersey City to New York, is being energetically pushed forward, and it is established, beyond doubt, that the enterprise is practicable. The total cost of the tunnel will be $10,000,000, which is far less than that of the Brooklyn bridge.

A BOLD ROBBERY, NEW YORK, February 6.—An old man, named Kenneth Albro, who came here Saturday from Texas, where he is reported to have been extensively engaged in cattle raising, was robbed of his satchel, containing $125,000 in registered United States bonds, while ascending the steps of the sub-Treasury. He alleges that he was accosted by two men, one of whom dropped his pocket-book before him, and on his attention being called to it, he was pushed down and the satchel wrenched from his hand. He had no clue to the thieves except the answer to an advertisement which he caused to be inserted in a morning paper offering $5,000 for the return of the bonds. The answer agreed to surrender them on the payment of $25,000.

—Gen. Ben. Butler made an argument before the House Committee on Elections, in which he showed that one hundred thousand voters were disfranchised in Massachusetts by the educational qualifications. That State gets credit, however, for voters who never vote. The Baltimore *Sun's* Washington letter says; "Attention has more than once been called to the argument that a strict enforcement of the fourteenth amendment, such as those States determinedly insisted upon where the South is concerned, would abridge the representation in the lower House of Congress of at least two of the New England States."

THE KING'S MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION ON 21ST.—The nature of the proceedings at King's Mountain on the 21st do not appear to be understood, and as no programme has yet been published, it is difficult to ascertain the facts in the case. According to the understanding of the Yorkville Enquirer, the oration by Col. Hardeman, of Macon, will be delivered at or near the pinnacle where the flag will be hoisted: while the meeting of the executive and other committees of the centennial association will be held at King's Mountain Station, on the Air Line Railroad. To reach the pinnacle, it is necessary to make the distance of about five miles by private conveyance from King's Mountain Station. The pinnacle, on which it is proposed to erect the flag-staff, is distant from the battle ground about seven miles. The pinnacle, however, is properly selected as the most appropriate place to raise the flag, as from that point it can be readily seen at a great distance, and will be exposed to view from the Air Line and the Chester and Lenoir Railroad.

EXPOSITION OF 1876. Wandering through the United States section of this wonderful Exhibition, hyper-ornamented and ever displayed as the most of it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was more conspicuous from its neighbors' finery surmounted by the motto *Dignis Præmia*, and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparaticns of the house of DR. J. C AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass.

I was aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods, and remember well their agents in Loudon, Messrs. Newberry, in St. Paul's Church-yard. Having a leisure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate perfection to which they had brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skillful and pre-eminently the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors distance us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us, and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that DR. AYER'S manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it, on my way home.—Correspondence of the London (Eng.) Telegraph.

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Corn, per bushel	60 to 70
Oats, " "	35 to 40
Rye, " "	65 to 75
Barley, per bush	65 to 75
Flour, per hundred	3 25 to 3 50
Peas, (col'd,) per bushel	55 to 65
Peas, (white,) " "	75 to 00
Beans, (col'd,) " "	40 to 60
Beans, (white,) " "	75 to 00
Onion Setts, per bushel	1 25 to 1 50
Pork	6 to 00
Country Meat, (hog round,)	8 to 9
" Hams	10 to 00
Green Apples per bushel	75 to 1 50
Eggs, per dozen	8 to 10
Butter, per pound	15 to 20
Tallow, " "	6 to 00
Beeswax, " "	20 to 00
Flax Seed, per bushel	90 to 9 00
Potatoes, Irish, per bush	50 to 60
Potatoes, sweet, " "	50 to 75
Cabbage, per pound	1½ to 2
Chickens, per dozen	1 25 to 1 50
Hay, per hundred	40 to 50
Fodder, per hundred bds	70 to 80
Shucks, per hundred lbs	40 to 45

WINSTON TOBACCO MARKET

REPORTED BY A. B. GORRELL.

Winston, N. C., Feb. 11, 1880.

Lugs, Common green	2 00 to 2 50
" " Red	3 00 to 3 50
" Good Red	4 00 to 5 00
" Common bright	4 50 to 5 50
" Medium bright	6 00 to 7 50
" Fine bright	8 50 to 12 50
" Fancy bright	13 00 to 18 00
Fillers, Common leafy	5 50 to 7 50
" Good leafy	8 00 to 9 00
" Rich, waxy	10 00 to 12 00
Thin bright filler	7 00 to 9 50
Rich, bright leafy filler	10 00 to 14 00
Good red wrapper	11 00 to 15 00
Common greenish wrapper	10 00 to 13 00
Medium bright wrapper	15 00 to 20 00
Good bright wrapper	22 50 to 35 00
Fine " "	38 00 to 45 00
Fancy " "	50 00 60 to 70 00
Mahogany wrappers, common	16 00 to 20 00
" " good	25 00 to 30 00
" " fine	35 00 to 45 00

Market active at the above quotations. On account of the cold, harsh snap the receipts have fallen off. There seems to be a special demand for common fillers and all grades of smokers.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Flour 5 85 a 6 35. Wheat $1 37½ a $1 43. Corn 58 a 61. Oats 47 a 00.

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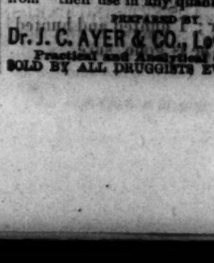

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—Greensboro boasts of a cork tree.

—Sheriff Fogle has paid over the State tax in full.

—Shakspercan Calendars at the Salem Bookstore.

—Sam'l Cooper, of Kentucky, is here on a visit to his mother.

—Miss Sophia Shultz is at home, after a protracted visit in Raleigh.

—A splendid assortment of Toy Books at the Salem Bookstore.

—Academy of Music is the name given to Brown's new hall in Winston.

—St. Valentine's Day next Saturday, the 14th inst.

—Several Franklin Stoves for sale. Enquire at this office.

—L. W. Springs and family will make Winston their home.

—The *Patriot* claims a population of over 4,000 for Greensboro.

—Spring term of Guilford Superior Court will begin on Monday, the 1st day of March.

—Miss Kate Sowers is visiting her friends in Salem. She is the guest of C. A. Winkler.

—B. F. Crosland occupies his new dwelling on corner of Old Shallowford and Salt streets.

—RUSTLESS OATS.—Rustless Winter Oats—inquire at the Salem Bookstore.

—There is a very inconvenient obstruction on one of the cross-streets in the lower end of town.

—On Thursday night last, the young people of Winston enjoyed a pleasant hop at the Merchant's Hotel.

—Col. A. H. Belo, of the Galveston *News*, is in town. His family have been spending the winter in Salem.

—Virgil A. Wilson will preach in the Winston Male Academy building on next Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock.

—CHUFA—A bushel to dispose of. Call at the Salem Bookstore.

—Broadbay township voted on the Stock Law on Saturday last as follows: For, 50; Against, 125.

—The young people of Salem enjoyed themselves on Tuesday evening at a dance at the Salem Hotel.

☞ A No. 5 Washington hand press, in good order, for sale at the PRESS office.

—Ice was housed on Thursday last by a number of our citizens, ranging in thickness from 1½ to 2 inches.

—A few Valentines left at the Salem Book Store. Among them may be found Prang's elegant cards, with envelopes.

—The *Leader* informs us that the Piedmont and Brown's Warehouses sold 25,000 parcels of tobacco since October last.

—A new lot of WRITING DESKS, at very reasonable prices, at the Salem Bookstore.

—Jas. W. Dick, of Greensboro, called on us last week. He has placed his daughter in Salem Female Academy.

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—Rev. T. L. Reid, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, will preach in the M. E. church, Winston, next Sunday morning.

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—The Railroad Tax Collector, W. H. Goodwin, has paid over to Judge Wilson, $6,000, being the third quarterly installment.

—Wm. H. Hall, one of our three candy manufacturers, informed us that his sales last year amounted to over 14,000 pounds.

—Sam'l H. Smith, of Winston, has been elected a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association of Indianapolis, Indiana.

—Several good retail stores are needed in the lower end of Salem, and live business men could make a good investment in that line.

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—Friend Bureb, of the Winston Book Store, is the happy possessor of a fine basket of wax fruit, the work of a Wilmington lady.

—E. A. Ebert, Esq., was elected Chairman at the recent organization of Forsyth county Magistrates, according to the general road law.

—A fresh supply of the best and prettiest AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS, ever offered in this place. Call and see them at Salem Book Store.

—The Lenten Season opened on Wednesday. Next Sunday will, therefore, be the 1st Sunday in Lent. Easter Sunday occurs on the 28th of March.

—Shrove Tuesday was formerly and is yet by a few old families, in town and country, celebrated by baking a bounteous supply of doughnuts.

—Lewis D. Eberhart, of Warrensburg, and Alpheus P. Winkler, of Knobnoster, Missouri, are here on a visit to relatives and friends. Both are looking well.

—The Young Men's Missionary Society will celebrate their anniversary with a lovefeast, in the Moravian Church, on Saturday evening, Feb. 21st.

—Rev. Miles Foy, several years since a citizen of this place, and now of the Pilot Mountain M. E. Conference Mission, has located in Winston.

—DICTIONARIES—Webster's Unabridged and National Pictorial Dictionaries at the Salem Bookstore.

—Rev. S. R. Trawick has been appointed to the Alexander County Circuit, M. E. Conference, Rev. J. R. Simpson having failed to fill the appointment.

—Katie, a little daughter of J. A. Bitting, of Winston, fell, while sliding on the sleet Wednesday last, and fractured the large bone below the knee of her right leg.

—The Postmasters are directed, from headquarters, at Washington, not to receive any mutilated fractional currency in payment of postage, including perforated coins.

—Beautiful FLORAL and MOTTO PANEL PICTURES, suitable for framing for Wall or Mantel. Also FANCY BOOK MARKS, for sale at the Salem Bookstore.

—The mild winter and changeable weather withal is still the general topic. Since the cold snap and ice, the weather has moderated again, and the highways in places are almost impassable.

—A. L. Butt, an artist of Charlotte, will exhibit his fine panorama illustrating the visions of St. John, the divine, in Academy of Music, at Winston, on the evening of March 8th.

—The street crossing, near the Book Store, has become a mudhole. A few cart loads of gravel would obviate the difficulty of crossing. Hope the street commissioner will make a note of this.

—AUTOGRAPHS.—A beautiful variety of Autograph Albums at 8, 10, 15, 40, 60 and 75 cents, $1.25 and $1.50. These books are the handsomest we have ever offered at the Salem Bookstore.

—The Church Band have made all necessary arrangements for the Vesper and Oyster Supper on Saturday evening, 14th inst. The Vogler Hall will be open for guests at 2 o'clock, p. m. We wish the boys an abundant measure of success.

—Rev. Moses Baldwin is busy organizing the new High School at Boonville, Yadkin County, of which he has been elected Principal. Mr. Baldwin is an experienced teacher, and we hope this new educational enterprise will prove a success.

—The Avon editions of SHAKESPEARE'S COMPLETE WORKS, in Library Sheep binding. It is considered the best and latest edition published. A few copies for sale at Salem Book Store.

—Three burials in one day in Winston tells a sad story, and should warn the living of the shortness of this life. On the 1st inst., an infant, a youth and a middle-aged man were interred. Truly has the wise man said, "in the midst of life we are in death."—*Leader.*

—Messrs. Fogle Brothers' Saw mill, near Bethania, has about exhausted the best pine timber available in that section. They contemplate moving their mill to another locality. Lumber is always in demand here and is hauled considerable distances to this market.

—The Salem Music Society, we are glad to learn, will be resuscitated soon, under the very able leadership of Prof. D'Anna. From the pleasure his performance gave our citizens at the last lecture, we can readily anticipate some fine concert music in the near future.

—The third Lecture of the course of "Sights in Foreign Lands" will be given on Friday evening (to-morrow), 13th inst. The previous ones have proved so entertaining and called out such large audiences, that we need say nothing more in their commendation. Good music will again be a prominent feature.

—Wishing to clear our shelves and tables as much as possible, the reading public will find it to their advantage to call at the Salem Bookstore during the next 60 days. A considerable reduction is made on some Miscellaneous Books and Fancy Articles. Many of these articles will be sold at, and some below cost. Remember the *sixty days* from the first of February. After that date the usual retail prices will be asked. Everything is advancing, and the probability is that new stock will be sold at advanced prices.

—The following young ladies recently entered the Academy: Miss Pattie Lyon, of Jackson, Tenn.; Miss Mollie Walker, of Lawsonville, N. C.; Misses Morrison and Caldwell, of Concord, N. C.; and Miss Minnie Stokes, grand-daughter of the late Gov. Stokes, of Wilkesboro, N. C., and Miss Lizzie Dick, of Greensboro.

—A fine new assortment of Imperial CARTE VISITE, in plain and fancy boxes, with Envelopes to match, at the Bookstore. They are suitable for invitations and can be handsomely printed at reasonable rates at the Salem Printing Office.

—Last week's *Republican* stated that parties are looking to putting up Tobacco Factories in Salem, and that if property will be offered cheap, no doubt buyers will be found. As soon as our citizens are fully satisfied that a reasonable price can be obtained for such buildings as are for sale, we have no doubt that arrangements could be made.

—The meeting of Prof. Jordan's three singing classes, from Friedland, Waughtown and Friendship, on the 1st inst., at Pleasant Fork Meeting-House, was a pleasant entertainment and a decided success. Mr. Jordan is a successful teacher, and has made many friends in this section. The audience on this occasion was unusually large, embracing many of the prominent citizens of the township.

—Hall Brothers, Hickory, N. C., have favored us with a valuable 40 page pamphlet on the culture and curing of tobacco. R. B. Davis is the author, and it is a complete little manual of its kind, embracing all that is necessary for a novice in tobacco culture to know. Experienced planters will also find much useful information. Thanks for the copy.

—Roll of Honor for the Public Colored School, Salem, N. C., for the week ending February 6th, 1880. *L. T. Reed's School*—Pollie Hairston, Kepp Hairston, Clifton Hairston, Harrison Hairston, George Hairston, Billy Hairston, W. T. Clark, W. H. Galloway. *Leah Dore's School*—Isabella Mathers, James Goins, George Goins, George Hind, George Walls, John H. Mathers, Joe Mathers.

—The following persons have been appointed deputies to collect all delinquent R. R. taxes, with cost: Willis Lawrence, who takes three townships, viz: Old Town, Bethania and Salem Chapel; J. H. Pfaff, Vienna and Old Richmond; A. D. Stimpson, Lewisville; C. W. Church, Winston and Broadbay; L. V. Alspaugh, South Fork and Abbott's Creek; D. G. Walker, Middle Fork; L. W. Fulton, Kernersville and Belew's Creek.—*Leader.*

—Inferior Court in session this week. Several cases have already been disposed of, but up to Wednesday noon only one of much importance.

Page Hamlin (col.), was found guilty of burning Jerry Stockton's stable, and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

On Wednesday, the case of the State against Miss Barnes, for the concealment of the birth of a child, in the neighborhood of Old Town, some weeks ago, was taken up, but not disposed of as we go to press in the afternoon.

We will endeavor to give fuller proceedings next week.

Since the above we learn Miss Barnes has been acquitted.

—J. M. Covington, Esq., of Stokes county, was in town on Wednesday last, looking hale and hearty. Mr. Covington is well known to our citizens, having been a Senator from the county of Stokes, of which Forsyth was then a part. The Danbury *Reporter* says:

Mr. James Madison Covington, who was born the 29th of January, 1809, celebrated his 71st birthday on Thursday, 29th ult. He represented old Stokes in the Commons in 1836, 1838 and 1840, during the administrations of Dudley and Morehead. Mr. Covington is reasonably well for a man of his age.

—On Friday morning last, a man pulling a hand cart came along Main street. Two well grown dogs were walking under the cart, and so attached as to assist materially in propelling the vehicle. In fact, the dogs did the main work. A woman laden with boxes and bundles trudged along the sidewalk. Altogether, it was the most singular mode of traveling we have ever witnessed. The party had the appearance of foreigners, and seemed cheerful and contented. They were snowbound in the South Fork region on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The dogs had the appearance of St. Bernards. It was an umbrella mending establishment on wheels.

—The Foot Prints of Time and Analysis of our Government should be in the hands of everybody. The agents are now canvassing Salem, Winston and the county of Forsyth. It is a volume of about 800 pages, and contains more information than any book of the kind published. Its facts and statistics are compiled from official sources. In short it is a concise history of the origin and progress of civilization; the relations of the old world to the free institutions of the new; and the establishment and growth of the English Colonies of the United States of America. C. B. Root, publisher, Washington, D. C. Price $4.50 and $5.00 according to the binding.

—The following prediction relative to the present month and March is taken from the Statesville *Landmark*:

It is to be remarked that a Canadian had prophesied that a snow storm would take place on the 2nd or 3d. Following this there would be, he said, a cold snap, and then he added: "Next will come a period of mildness, even warmth, with rain and slush up to about the 15th or 16th. The 16th will give us the second heavy snow fall of the month, with drifts again, and another railroad blockade. Between the 20th and 25th the second cold term will probably set in, and this bids fair to be very severe, and occasion some very low thermometer readings. Thus with the exception of one considerable thaw in this month, February will be an exceedingly wintry month. The 17th and 21st of March will again give heavy snow falls, and it is probable that in this month we will have more snow than at any time previous during the winter."

It will be worth while to watch and see how near the truth this prophet hits.

—The present month of February 1880 is an odd month in several respects. It will have in the first place an odd number of days, owing to its leap-year distinction. It will have an odd number of Sundays (five, which is very odd for the shortest month of the year, and one of the Sundays will be Washington's birthday. It began on Sunday and will end on Sunday—which is also odd. The five Sundays correspond in date with the five Sundays in next August, which is also odd again. It is said that no one now living will ever see another February so odd; nor will their children, nor their children's children—sufficient in itself to make the month interesting. Many old superstitions are associated with the month, which originally had twenty-nine days among the Romans in an ordinary year. When the Roman Senate, however, decreed that the eighth month should be named after the Emperor Augustus, one day was taken from February and bestowed on August, giving it thirty-one days, in order that it might not be inferior to July, called after Julius Cæsar.

KERNERSVILLE LETTER.

Messrs. Editors:—The other day I was in a store in this place, when a man came in and inquired for Blum's Almanac, and the merchant told him they were out. "Well," said he, "I have tried all over town and cannot get one; I wish somebody would tell them Almanac makers that the demand is increasing every year, and for goodness sake to try and print enough to keep up the supply. I must have a Blums' Almanac or there will be no gardening done at our house this Spring." So I thought I would drop you a hint, and a word to the wise—you know.

Last week Mr. Harrison Sills, a young man engaged in the paint shop of Mr. Anderson Lewis' Carriage Factory, met with an accident, which the only wonder is, that he escaped as well as he did. He boards with his brother-in-law, Mr. E. Huff, and after dinner the other day, he told his sister he was going hunting, when she asked him to bring in a big stick of wood to put on the fire before he went off; and while he was gone to the wood-pile to get it, she raked the coals forward, and there was quite a lot of them. Mr. Sills had a glass bottle with half a pound of powder in it in the breast-pocket of his coat, and when he stooped down to put on the wood, the bottle fell out on the hearth and was broken, the powder exploded, and he was badly burned; fortunately he threw up his right hand before his face, and that saved his eyes, or they would have been ruined. Dr. Cornelius Kerner was called in, and under his treatment the young man is doing well.

Our colored school closed up for the season on last Tuesday night with an entertainment, and it was quite a creditable affair. The teacher was a colored woman by the name of Waugh, from Waughtown. After the exercises were through with our townsman, Mr. J. C. Roberts, came forward, as he had been requested by the teacher, to say something on the occasion. He told them he had only been notified that morning of her wish, and consequently had had no time for any preparation. But he respected the request, and had come to show them that he sympathized with them in their efforts at improvement and would endeavor to say something on this occasion, and then went on in his quiet way to give us an interesting talk, first to the adults, then to the children, closing with a word of commendation to the teacher, and the pleasure he had realized in witnessing the performances of the evening. He reverted to the experience of his childhood in connection with the colored people, for his father had owned slaves. He said, "to-night as I stand here, I call to mind a faithful old house servant, Aunt Becky, and her motherly ways to us children, white and black; no matter what the trouble was we were sure to have a friend in Aunt Becky. She, too, was an 'Old-time' Methodist, and the Methodists in those days not only prayed but they had regular times for fasting; and on the morning of her fast day my mother would say, 'Becky, this is your fast-day, you need not work;' and she would spend it as she chose. And when she was called to her rest, never more sincere mourners stood around a grave than the white members of our family. And then again, there was kind Aunt Dorcas, good old soul, when the Lord took our mother away, how she stepped in her place, and carried on and managed the household affairs, and how particular she was that 'old master' had the same attention and care that he had when 'old missus' was alive. And," he continued, "it does me good to know that they were both Christians and died in the faith of the Gospel; and if I should be so fortunate as to get to Heaven, next to my own dear mother, I want to see Aunt Becky and Aunt Dorcas." He said, while he rejoiced with them in their freedom, still there were pleasant memories in the history of slavery that never would be realized again; and to the adults, white and colored, it brought up a swelling of the heart. "we no'er shall feel again," and a certain attachment had existed between the races that is now forever sundered, and he for one was glad that he had made these experiences.

Feb. 9, 1880. C. L. R.

MARRIED.

On the 1st inst., at the house of John Crater, near New Philadelphia, by Rev. D. Z. Smith, Rev. JOSEPH MILLER of Davidson County, to MRS. SARAH CRATER, of Southfork Township.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 27th ult., by Rev. Mr. Foute, of the Episcopal Church, Mr. CHARLES E. SHORE, son of H. W. Shore, postmaster at Salem, to Miss FANNIE B. OWENS.

On Sunday evening last, at the residence of Amos Hartel, by Charles Rothrock, Esq., Mr. JOHN MYERS to Miss SALLIE FOLTZ, all of Forsyth County.

At the residence of Wm. Essex, in Davidson County, on Thursday, the 5th inst., by Rev. Amos Faw, Mr. EDWIN SINK to Miss NANNIE ORMSBY.

In this place, on the 11th inst., by Elder Wm. Turner, ROBERT B. RAGLAND to Miss MARTHA W. PENDLETON.

DIED.

On the 29th of January, near Old Town, of typhoid fever, CHARLES W. HINE, aged 14 years, less 24 days.

In this place on Friday last, Miss CAROLINE FISHER, of consumption.

Elder Wm. Turner preached the funeral discourse at the M. E. Church in Winston.

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Leave	2 20 p m		5 00 a m
Arrive Durham	4 17 p m		10 45 a m
" Hillsboro	5 15 p m		12 25 a m
" Greensboro	7 25 p m		4 30 p m
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We will also receive proposals for gates, where the line crosses the public roads; say one across the old Lexington road, one across the Cucumber road, one across the Waughtown and Clemmonsville road, between the latter road and Waughtown, and one across the old Plank road.

Fence and gates to be completed by April 15, 1880. Persons living South and East of Winston township can attach their lands if not in too inconvenient a shape, and such, and all persons interested, can get fuller information by applying to H. W. FRIES,
WM. BARROW,
HARRISON REED.
Committee.

Jan. 14, 1880.

NOTICE.

FORSYTH COUNTY:

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of the late Addison Stewart, on the 26th day of December, 1879, NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of the said Addison Stewart, to make immediate payment and settlement to me, or the claims will be put into the hands of an officer for collection. And all persons having claims against said estate will present them to me lawfully authenticated on or before the 8th day of January, 1881, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. N. S. COOK,
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Life's a short summer, man a flower.
Dr. Johnson.
By turns we catch the vital breath and die.
Pope.
The cradle and the tomb, alas, so nigh.
Prior.
To be is better far than not to be.
Sewell.
Though all man's life may seem a tragedy.
Spenser.
But [illegible]
Daniel.
The [illegible]
Raleigh.
Your [illegible]
Longfellow.
Unmingled joys here to no man befall.
Southwell.
Nature to each allots his proper sphere.
Congreve.
Fortune makes folly her peculiar care.
Churchill.
Custom does often reason overrule.
Rochester.
And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool.
Armstrong.
Live well; how long or short permit to heaven.
Milton.
They who forgive most shall be most forgiven.
Bailey.
Sin may clasp so close we cannot see its face.
Trench.
Vile intercession where virtue has no place.
Somerville.
Then keep each passion down, however dear.
Thompson.
Though pendulum betwixt a smile and a tear.
Byron.
Her sensual snares let faithless pleasure lay.
Smollett.
With craft and skill to ruin and betray.
Crabbe.
Scarce [illegible]
Marvell.
We master grew of all that we despise.
Cowley.
Then, I renounce that impious self-esteem.
Beattie.
Riches have wings, and grandeur is a dream.
Cowper.
Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave.
Davenant.
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
Gray.
What is ambition? 'tis a glorious cheat.
Willis.
Only destructive to the brave and great.
Addison.
What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown?
Dryden.
The way to bliss lies not on beds of down.
Quarles.
How long we live, not years but actions tell.
Watkins.
That man lives twice who lives the first life well.
Herrick.
Make then, while yet we may, God your friend.
Mason.
Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend.
Hitt.
The trust that's given guard, and to yourself be just.
Dana.
For, live how we can, yet die we must.
Shakespeare.

HUMOROUS!!

—All the while when boys have outgrown the switch, the girls most need one.

—'What is sweeter than your own home?' asks an exchange. If you're an unmarried man, a pretty girl's home is about the best thing we know of.

—'You promised to pay that bill yesterday,' said an angry creditor to a debtor. 'Yes, calmly replied the other, 'but to err is human, to forget, divine, and I forgot it.'

'Brilliant and impulsive people,' said a lecturer on physiognomy, 'have black eyes, or if they don't have black eyes they're apt to get 'em, if they're too impulsive.'

—A stylishly dressed young lady asked her Sunday School class 'what is meant by the pomps and vanities of this world?' 'Them flowers on your hat,' replied an admiring pupil.

—A great many boys and girls fall desperately in love with each other, and rave over disappointed hopes before they are old enough to tell the difference between the heartache and the colic. Very few such cases prove fatal.

—'Isn't there some way of getting a verdict out of that jury?' exclaimed a Texas judge, after the 'sworn twelve' had been out over sixty hours. 'Yes,' answered the clerk of the court: 'let the officer in charge of them mention that a circus has come to town.' That was done, and it brought a verdict in ten minutes.

—On a railway line recently a passenger stopped the conductor and asked: 'Why does not the train run faster?' 'It runs fast enough to suit us. If you don't like the rate of speed get off and walk,' was the rejoinder. 'I would,' replied the passenger, sitting back in his seat, 'but my friends wouldn't come for me until the train comes in, and I don't want to be waiting around the station for two or three hours.'

—A lady going out to make a call, told her Irish girl to have stewed peaches for tea, asking her at the same time if she knew how to prepare them. 'Och, yes, indade, mim!' was her answer. When tea was ready, the peaches were not to be seen. On pouring out the tea it came a black, muddy compound. Bridget was called and was asked what was the matter with the tea. 'An, sure, mim, you said you would have peaches for tay; An' so we had.'

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MANURE.—Keep the stalls of horses and cattle well littered with some good absorbent. Leaves are most convenient. What the country needs is plenty of home made manure, which will enable the farmer to make heavier crops from less land. Farming does not pay when it takes all a man's labor to make his bread. Four barrels of corn to the acre will not pay; ten barrels will. Six bushels of wheat for one is a loss; twenty for one makes money.

Keep refuse tanbark, sawdust, woods earth, or refuse of wood piles in hen houses three inches deep all winter. Put in a fresh supply every week; mix with plaster in the Spring, and sow on weak places in wheat field, or reserve to plant in hills with corn or tobacco.

CHICKENS ON THE FARM.—The farmer builds expensive houses for his horses, hogs, cattle and sheep, and feeds them upon the richest produce of his broad acres without stint; but his wife, son or daughter has the enterprise to keep a few fowls, they are grudgingly given some old shed or the boughs of some tree, and which go without food or drink except that which their own industry provides; and, if hunger drives them to the garden in search of food, they are met with a tornado of sticks, stones and clods, and yet the same fowls are expected to supply the farmer's table with eggs, and if the failed to do it, it is claimed that the fowls are not profitable, and no matter when the hen dies, she owes her owner a quarter.

CLOVER AS A FERTILIZER.—There is a farmer in Massachusetts who is noted for the excellence of his corn crops, and he says his plan has been for years to sow clover on one-third part of his plowed land and let the clover grow and remain uncut thro' the entire season, plowing it under late the next season, and planting corn upon it, and he says experience has shown him that this clover, with its vast amount of roots, is fully equal to twenty-five loads of manure per acre. Then he takes another third part and proceeds in the same way.

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